ISI hands in terrorist activities in Assam

† *212. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides separatist organisations, ISI active in Bangladesh, was involved in the terrorist incidents which took place recently in North-Eastern States, particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with Bangladesh Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to end terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government has no specific report so far to suggest direct involvement of Pak ISI in recent terrorist incidents that took place in the North Eastern States, although Pak ISI continues to support Indian Insurgent Groups in Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The Government has already taken up security related matters with the Government of Bangladesh. Both sides have agreed to work on security issues closely.

(d) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have correct kind of laws and modernize, strengthen the Police/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in the society.

Funds for rural development

*213 SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned a substantial amount for rural development;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) how much funds were released and utilized in the last three years; and

(c) how much amount is being released for the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development allocates substantial amounts to the States for the various rural development Schemes. The major Schemes for which funds are released are the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Watershed Development Programme (IWDP), DPAP and DDP), [Hariyali], the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), the Swajaldhara and the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)/the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC).

2. The Year-wise Central funds allocated, Central funds released and total funds utilized under various rural development Schemes during the last three years (2001-02 to 2003-04) are given below:

(Rs. In crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Central Allocation	Central Release*	Total Funds Utilised**
1	2001-2002	11501.10	11353.63	13387.52
2	2002-2003	13585.19	13589.09	14699.10
3	2003-2004	11918.78	11869.70	11964.56

*=Does not include value of foodgrains released under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yajana (SGRY).

**=Includes State share, unspent balance and miscellaneous receipts.

4. During the current financial year the total Budget Estimates for all the Schemes are Rs. 15998.40 crore. It is estimated that the entire budget allocation will be released during the current financial year. In addition a

new Scheme of National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) has also been launched for which a provision of Rs. 2020 crore has been made for the current financial year.

Take-over of keltron for defence productions

*214. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to take over KELTRON in Kerala as a defence production unit for its electronics and IT requirements;

(b) whether a task-force team has been constituted to look into the modalities of take-over;

(c) whether the task force has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any units of defence are functioning in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Government has received requests to take over KELTRON as unit under the Ministry of Defence. The Government has not found it feasible to take over the units of KELTRON.

2. In response to such requests a Task Force was set up to examine and identify the possible areas for long term arrangements between Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Defence and Ordinance Factory Board with KELTRON. The Task Force has submitted its Report. The recommendations of the Task Force are enclosed as a Statement (*See* below). It has been decided that the Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Defence and the Ordinance Factories would consider placing orders on KELTRON within the existing framework of Government guidelines and purchase policies.

3. There are no production units of DPSUs and OFB under the Department of Defence Production functioning in Kerala.